

**APPROVED MINUTES
TIMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 17, 2003 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by David J. Gau, Chairman, at 1:32 p.m. in Room 122, State Board of Equalization (BOE), 450 N Street, Sacramento, California, with the following in attendance. A quorum was present.

**TIMBER ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (TAC) MEMBER**

REPRESENTING

David J. Gau	BOE
Gerald D. Cochran, Vice-Chair/Secretary	Assessor, Del Norte County
Kenneth Bunch	Assessor, Lassen County
Dave Peets	Assessor, Alpine County
Marsha Wharff	Assessor/Recorder/Clerk, Mendocino County
Cris Andrews	Assessor/Recorder, Shasta County
Tim Robards	Board of Forestry
Roy H. Richards, Jr.	Small-Scale Timber Owners
Marty Olhiser	Large-Scale Timber Owners

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

REPRESENTING

Tim Treichelt	Honorable Bill Leonard
Mickie Stuckey	BOE
Gary Platz	BOE
Bev Lauer	Nevada County Assessor's Office
John Davis	Simpson Resources Co.
John Penney	Simpson Resources Co.
Mitchell Cari	BOE
Lou Ambrose	BOE
Len Lindstrand	Wm. Beaty & Associates, Inc.
Larry Fogerson	BOE
Shirley Johnson	BOE

1. Approval of Minutes of June 3, 2003 meeting

The minutes of the June 3, 2003 meeting were approved after corrections were made to the spelling of Cris Andrews name throughout the minutes and the word "by" was changed to "to" in item 4.a.

2. Harvest Value Discussion for Period January 1, 2004 – June 30, 2004

a. Tables G & S, Green and Salvage Values

Gary Platz presented comments on general trends in tables G and S. Marty Olhiser commented that he felt the values on redwood in TVAs 1, 2N and 2S were too high.

There was discussion regarding Jackson State Demonstration Forest sales and the impact of index adjustments.

Gary Platz presented ranges of values for selected species and TVAs. Gerald Cochran commented on pine values in TVA 9S. Roy Richards commented on fire kill and remaining bug kill in TVA 9S.

Gerald Cochran moved to approve the values in tables G & S as presented; Marsha Wharff seconded the motion, which then passed.

b. Table 1 — Miscellaneous Harvest Values

Gary Platz stated that the only Table 1 change was a \$10 increase in SSM value. Roy Richards discussed the valuation of mixed product sales. Gary Platz discussed staff's procedures for valuing mixed product and SSM sales. Gerald Cochran moved to approve Table 1 as presented; Dave Peets seconded the motion, which then passed.

3. Other Business

a. History of Timber Advisory Committee

Mickie Stuckey presented the draft of the history of the Timber Advisory Committee (TAC). TAC members suggested that the document include an explanation of the derivation of rate adjustment counties. Mickie Stuckey will prepare another draft and will send it to the TAC members for comment and discussion at the June 2004 meeting. The members commended Mickie and Gary on the first draft of the history document. Marty Olhiser requested that an organizational listing of staff involved in the value setting process, along with their phone numbers, be sent to the members with the next draft.

Mickie Stuckey also discussed the BOE's email notification system for receiving timber tax interested parties' materials and that all materials are posted on the BOE's website. She mentioned that, after January 1, 2004, materials would no longer be provided in hard copy format unless specifically requested through Mitchell Cari.

b. Log Index Availability

Roy Richards requested staff's log index information. Gary Platz discussed the staff's concerns regarding disclosing the log index numbers. Lou Ambrose reviewed a previous legal opinion stating staff could not disclose index information. Marsha Wharff moved to have BOE legal staff issue an opinion specifically addressing the disclosure of information contained in the BOE's log indices; Gerald Cochran seconded the motion, which then passed.

c. Southern California Salvage Update

Gary Platz discussed bug kill and fire kill situation in southern California and mentioned that BOE staff completed a field inspection of the area in early fall, just prior to the wild fires. Roy Richards also gave some details of the problems in marketing logs from TVA 9S.

d. Suggested 2004 Timberland Production Zone (TPZ) values

David Gau presented the calculated TPZ values for 2004 that were presented to, and approved by, the BOE Members on November 18, 2003. Gary Platz described the procedure for computing the TPZ values.

e. Date for next meeting

Tentatively set for June 1, 2004.

4. New business

There was no new business.

5. David Gau adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.